IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Patrick Dana Simpson et al

?/Date

May 4, 2000

Serial No.

09/493,478

Our Docket

**SMTT 320** 

医卵巢 电高级流

For

REMOVABLE LOAD BED FOR A VEHICLE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to the review of the above identified application, please enter the following amendments.

In the claims:

On page 24, line 5, please replace "b)" (with -c)-.

On page 25, line 22, please replace "5" with -6-, so that this claim now will be numbered as claim 6.

On page 26, line 3, please replace "6" with -7-, so that this claim now will be numbered as claim 7.

On page 26, line 3, please replace "5" with -6-.

On page 26, line 6, please replace "7" with 8, so that this claim now will be numbered as claim 8.

On page 26, line 6, please replace "6" with --7--.

On page 26, line 8, please replace "8" with -9-, so that this claim now will be numbered as claim 9.

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